THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : He has got interest in it as long as he is a citizen of this State. Particularly, as long as he is a Member of this House, he is interested in every transaction. even though he may not be personally interested. I do agree that this is a transaction which should not have been ordinarily entered into. But we do come across such transactions with reference to not only the Central Government but also State Governments. In spite of ourselves, such things do happen. (Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar : It may be a case of larger amounts in the case of the Central Government.) After all, the degree does not matter. It is only the method of procedure that is more important. I may assure hon. Members of this House that we will take every care to see that such irregular transactions are not entered into, and that the persons who have been responsible for these irregular transactions are suitably punished so that it may be a lesson to others. But, in this case, there have been too many transfers of officers, first with reference to Andhra partition and then again with reference to the reorganisation of States. In some cases, the officer who was making the enquiry had to retire from service. The person who is in charge of it now has assured me that he will do his job as expeditiously as possible and submit his report to me. I think I have fixed a time-limit within which he should submit his report personally to me. So, Sir, I hope that the investigation will be carried out, and that the investigation, even though it may be a *post-mortem* examination, will serve as a lesson to us to avoid mistakes in the future.

DR. V. K. JOHN : Sir, will you kindly allow me to say how deeply the House is obliged to the Finance Minister for the very clear exposition of the procedure in accounts and also the position of the Government?

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

III.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

* 76. *First Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.*

* 77. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 23, *Home, dated 4th January* 1958, *regarding amendment to Madras Motor Vehicles Rules*, 1940.

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